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NC FCRV State Association Newsletter Chapter 0021

Winter 2012 Edition

## **President's Message**

The winter months have been mild this year, no snow so far. Don't know about you, we get cabin fever during this time.

The winter board meeting was held January 13-15 at Myrtle Beach. We had 10 families attending. The board voted at the September meeting to review the entire constitution due to concern of being out dated to the current procedures. The state director sent the current constitution to the National Membership Director, Shari Weber, who sent back recommendations. The officers have been meeting to discuss and make revisions which will be sent back to the national for further review. A vote to amend will take place after this process is completed. Every member is welcome to make suggestions during this process.

Scholarships are available for 2012. The forms are on the state website, [www.ncfcrv.org](http://www.ncfcrv.org) and the deadline is March 1.

State dues for each club member should be sent along with a roster of members and club officers to Darrell & Betty Eury no later than March 1. The address is 551 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakboro NC 28129. The state dues are currently \$3 per person.

This is an election year so if you are interested in being a state officer, please contact Phillip and Brenda Jones, nominating chair.

Don't forget to participate in the national contest for Camping Is, Coloring Contest or Conservation Poster. The information is on the national website, [www.fcrv.org](http://www.fcrv.org). If you, your children or a club member plans to participate, bring the entry to the spring statewide for judging.

The RV Shows will be held at different dates for 2012. Raleigh was held January 20-22, Larry Stone chair, Charlotte February 17-19, Yvonne Shoulders chair and Greensboro March 9-11, Bob Mick chair. They will need your help to work the booth during the weekend. The board voted to have a coupon for free registration and 2<sup>nd</sup> night of camping at a statewide 50% off for any potential new member. These will also be available on the website.

Happy Camping!! Bob and Pam Mick, NC State President

## **State Director's Report**

State Directors Report: Mary & Allen Burrus

We would like to give a special note of recognition to the late Don Plummer who passed away this past week. Family Campers & RVers has lost an influential leader for over 50 years, and he was a past National President of our organization. If you are new to our organization, you may not realize what a great, enthusiastic contributor to the life of our organization Don was. In the March printed version of Camping Today there will be more extensive coverage, tributes and memories of the life lived and contributions made to Family Campers & RVers by Don.

It is time for National Award Nominations. If you know of anyone deserving of an award, please contact us or your Field Director for a form to submit the nomination to the Awards Committee to be considered for an award.

The 2012 National Retiree Rally is scheduled for Tallahassee, FL., March 13-18. Information on this rally is available in Camping Today and the National website. The weather in March should be very nice, so join us at the Rally for almost a week of fun, fellowship and relaxation. As of the middle of January, there are 154 units registered. We need to make this number 200 or more.

The 2012 National Campvention will be in Canada. At the end of the year, there were 90 registered for the Campvention. More members need to register and attend the Campvention, remember you have to have a passport to return back into the United States. More information can be found on the National Website and Camping Today magazine.

The National Election for National Officers will be in March-April. Every member (except a Cadet member) is entitled to vote in this election. Voting may be done in two formats: by e-mail voting or be mailed to you via first class mail. If you want to vote by e-mail, notify the National Office at [fcrvnat@verizon.net](mailto:fcrvnat@verizon.net). Please vote for your National Officers.

The Cadet membership has 277 cadet members in the system, with 143 members renewed as regular members. Continue to sign up new members on the Cadet program, and continue to mentor them to try to get them to continue being members of Family Campers & RVers and join your chapter. If you have misplaced your Cadet Membership form, please let us know and we will get you another one.

We will be attending the 2012 National Winter Board Meeting, March 1-2, at Tampa, Fl. We are looking forward to being in the Florida sunshine for a couple of weeks, as we will be attending the Retiree Rally at Tallahassee, Fl.

Our 2012 RV shows are coming up soon, in fact, the Raleigh show was this past weekend. The Charlotte Show will be February 17-19 at the Park (former Merchandise Mart) and the Greensboro Show will be March 9-11 at the Greensboro Coliseum. These shows are a good source for us to advertise Family Campers & RVers and try to get new members. The shows are made up of the North Carolina RV Dealers Association (NCRVDA). Please plan to help with the booth in your area.

As of December 31, 2011, the National membership was 4777.

COME CAMP WITH US!

## **News Notes**

National Trustee election will be held March 2012. The voting will include electronic voting this year. If you are interested in voting this way, please forward your email address to [fcrvnat@verizon.net](mailto:fcrvnat@verizon.net). Please type "electronic voting" in the subject line along with your name and/or member number in the body of the email. The voting will be for President, Vice President Programs, Vice President Planning and Development, Comptroller and Recording/Corresponding Officer.

## **Upcoming Events**

Spring Statewide April 13-15, 2012 Sleepy Bear Registration is on the website [www.ncfcrv.org](http://www.ncfcrv.org)

Hosted by NC State Board. Saturday's evening meal will be on your own

National Retiree Rally, March 13-18, 2012 Tallahassee, FL.

Piedmont District, June 1-3, 2012 Zooland Asheboro NC, Colonial Campers Host

SE Regional, June 21-24, 2012 Pine Mountain GA

National FCRV Rally, July 13-20, 2012 Blythe Ontario Canada

Summer Board Meeting August 3-5, 2012 at Mayberry Campground, Mt. Airy NC

Make your own Reservations 30 days in advance

Southeast Region June 6-9, 2012 Tom Johnson, Marion NC

North Carolina Host